

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
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IM 5231

TO: County Social Service Directors
Economic Assistance Policy Regional Representatives
Economic Assistance Policy Quality Control Reviewers

FROM: Julie Schwab, Director, Medical Services

SUBJECT: **Average Cost of Long Term Care**

PROGRAMS: Medicaid

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2015

RETENTION: Until Manualized

SECTIONS

AFFECTED: 510-05-80-05 Disqualifying Transfers - Definitions

Effective January 1, 2015, the average cost of nursing facility care increased to:

Monthly Rate: \$ 7595.04

Daily Rate: \$ 249.70

The average cost of nursing facility care for 2015 is used to determine the penalty period for individuals who have made a disqualifying transfer on or after their look-back date and the individual applied for Medicaid on or after January 1, 2015 or the transfer was discovered or determined on or after January 1, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional representative.